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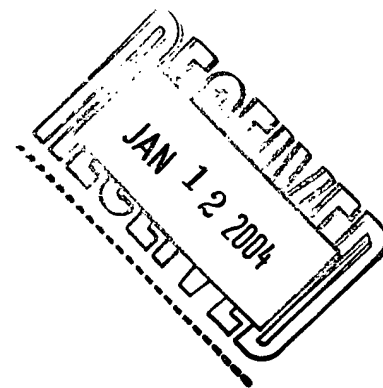
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2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-327679, published November 26, 1999 with English Abstract.
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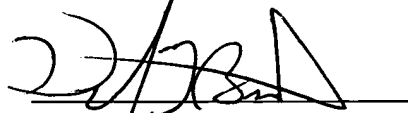
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Regarding Claims 1 through 14

It is found that Cited Literature 1 describes a portable computer operating from the output power source of a power supply adapter, wherein the computer main body is provided with a means which outputs a specific key code to the power supply adapter connector based on processing which accompanies manipulation of the power switch into an ON state; the power supply adapter is provided with a power supply control means which receives and evaluates the validity of the aforementioned specific key code and provides output control of the power supply fed to the computer main body; and the computer main body and AC adapted are associated based on a set key code, making it impossible to create a system from a computer main body and power supply adapted other than those of the associated combination, thereby preventing theft and unauthorized use.

It is found that adapting the arrangement used in the portable computer described in aforementioned Cited Literature 1 to an information device and a battery pack which is connected to and provides a power supply for the information device is a matter which could be easily conceived of by a person skilled in the art, and the effect thereof is also at a level which could be anticipated by a person skilled in the art and is not remarkable.

Cited Literature 2 moreover describes storing the computer's identification number or the like, in the final process of computer manufacturing, for instance in a flash memory.

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H05-204483
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-327679

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